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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the references relating to the above-mentioned application listed herein be made of record in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Copies of these references and the PTO Form 1449 listing the attached documents are enclosed. A copy of the English language abstract for the

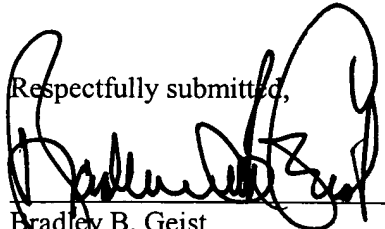
European reference is not readily available. The references were cited during prosecution of a related German application. No first office action on the merits has been received.

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